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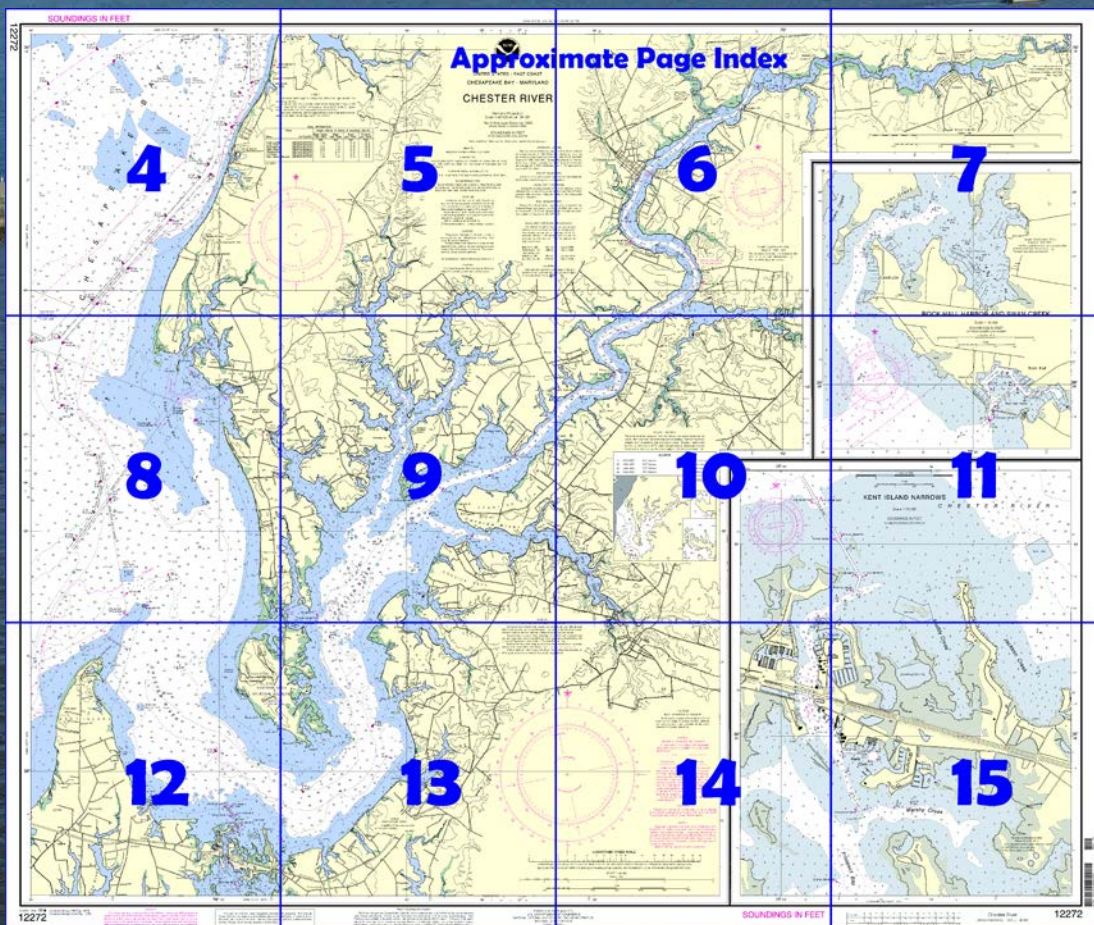
Chester River NOAA Chart 12272



A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters
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What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

What is a BookletChart™?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=12272>.



(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Love Point Light (39°03'25"N., 76°16'59"W.), 35 feet above the water, is shown from a skeleton tower, with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark, 1.4 miles northeast of Love Point.

The main entrance to **Chester River** is between **Love Point**, the northern end of Kent Island, and **Eastern Neck Island**, 3 miles to the eastward. The approach is northward and eastward of Love Point Light.

A fish haven, marked by a buoy, is in the approach to Chester River about 0.8 mile north-northwest of Love Point Light.

Light-draft vessels can also enter from Eastern Bay and Miles River on the southward by way of Kent Island Narrows. Traffic on the river

consists chiefly of petroleum products and shellfish.

Mileages on Chester River are designated Mile 7S, 11W, etc., which are the nautical miles above the entrance. The letters N, S, E, or W, following the numerals indicate the side of the river by compass point direction where each feature is located.

Chester River has channel depths of 13 feet or more to Chestertown, thence 7 feet to Crumpton, and thence 5 feet to Kirby Landing, Mile 35.2S. The channel is marked for about 32 miles to Crumpton. Above Chestertown, deepest water is difficult to follow except with local knowledge and extreme caution.

Currents.—The current velocity is less than 1.0 knot. The river is usually closed to navigation by ice for extended periods during ordinary winters; in mild winters the channel is kept clear most of the time by powerboats. The river water is fresh above Chestertown.

Love Point is a village on the point on the west side of the entrance to Chester River. Shells are received by barge at the old railroad pier on the river side of the village.

Eastern Neck Island, on the east side of the entrance, is about 3 miles long in a northwest-southeast direction. The island is sparsely wooded with extensive grassy flats along the south shore. It is connected with the mainland on the north by a fixed highway bridge, clearance 6 feet, over **Eastern Neck Narrows**, which is very narrow and little used.

At Mile 2.7S, a privately marked channel leads to a basin with a marina on its south side. In 2004, 8.0 feet was reported in the approach and 6.0 feet alongside. Gasoline, diesel fuel, berths, electricity, water, ice, some marine supplies, and a pump-out station are available.

Kent Island Narrows entrance is at Mile 4.0S. A marked channel, leads from Chester River to Prospect Bay; the chart is the guide. In 2010, the controlling depth was 3.9 feet (4.8 feet at midchannel). Very heavy traffic can be expected through the channel during the summer months, especially on weekends.

The State Route 50/301 highway bridge over the narrows has a fixed span with a clearance of 65 feet. Immediately south of the fixed highway bridge is the MD ROUTE 18 (old State Route 50/301) bascule bridge with a 48-foot span and a clearance of 18 feet. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channels 13 and 68; call sign KXE-254. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.561**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The nearby overhead power cable has a clearance of 85 feet. Temporary mooring areas for vessels awaiting bridge openings have been established by the State of Maryland on the west side of the channel about 50 yards north of the bridge, and 100 yards and 650 yards south of the bridge.

Jackson Creek, Mile 5S, has depths of 2 to 7 feet at the entrance and is used as an anchorage by oyster boats; the channel is marked. The bottom is covered with grass.

Queenstown Creek, Mile 6.1E, is entered through a marked channel which leads to a turning basin at **Queenstown**, on the southeast side of **Little Queenstown Creek**. In 2009, the controlling depths were 3.8 feet in the east half and 1.5 feet in the west half of the channel to a point about 200 yards above Buoy 5, thence 6.1 feet to the basin with 5.5 feet in the basin.

Grays Inn Creek, Mile 10.7W, has depths of 8 feet for 2.3 miles to a small settlement on the west side, then shoals gradually to 1 foot. About 1.8 miles above the mouth, a marina on **Skinners Neck** has a marine railway that can haul out craft up to 45 feet for repairs; gasoline is available.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Norfolk

Commander

5th CG District

Norfolk, VA

(575) 398-6231

Navigation Managers Area of Responsibility



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Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers

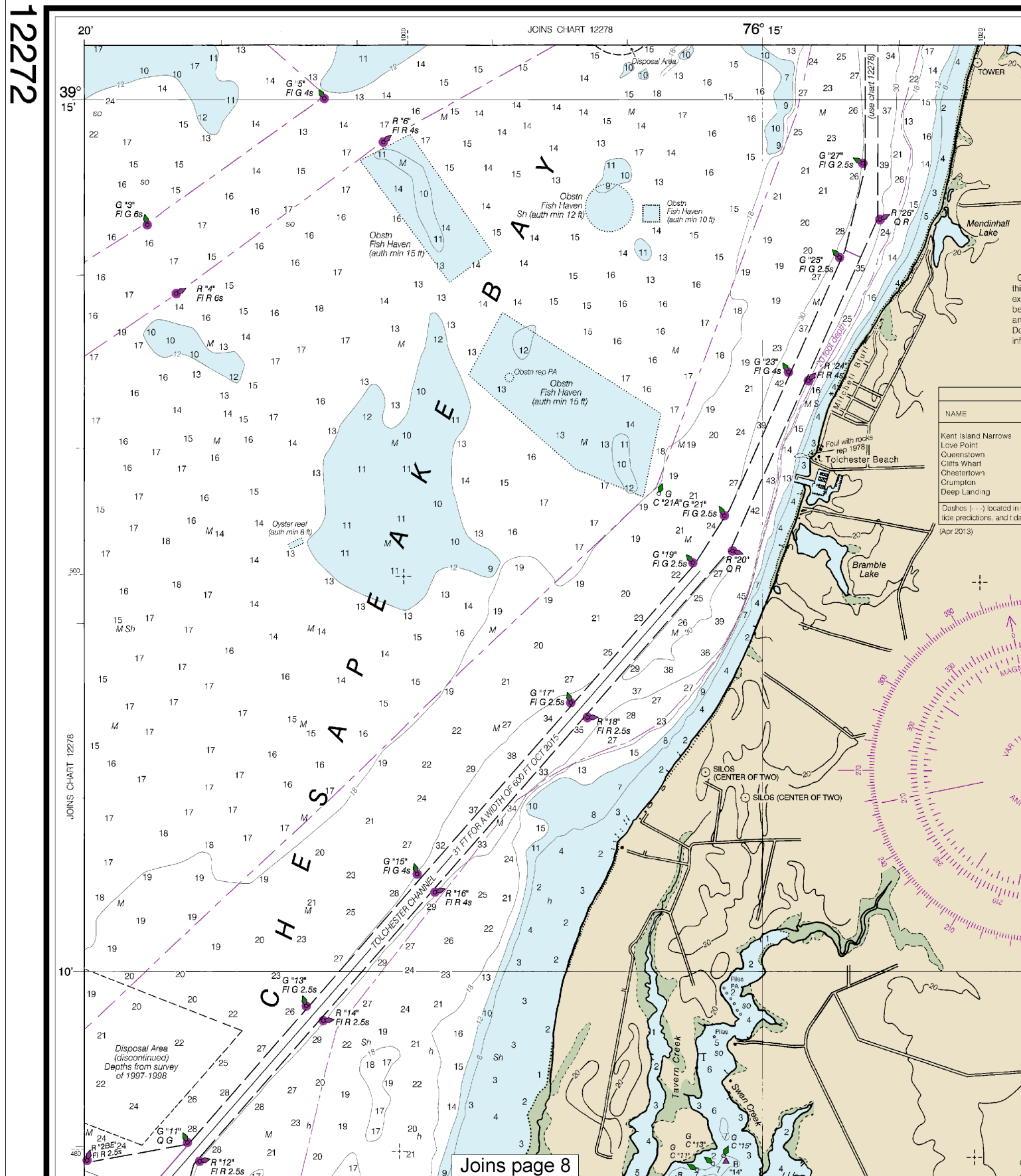


For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area.

These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

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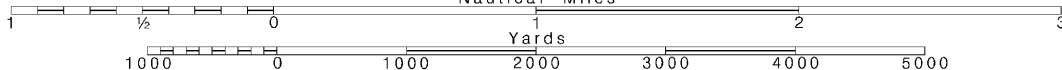
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Nautical Miles

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THE NATION'S CHARTMAKER SINCE 1807

UNITED STATES - EAST COAST

CHESAPEAKE BAY - MARYLAND

CHESTER RIVER

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 39° 06'

North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)

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AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Coast Guard.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 3 for important supplemental information

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

⊙ (Accurate location) ○ (Approximate location)

CAUTION

During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is the American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for purposes is considered equivalent to the World System of 1954 (WGS 84). Geographic positions to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.398" northward and 1.174" eastward to agree with this chart.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplementary information concerning aids to navigation.

SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS

During the boating season small-craft displayed from sunrise to sunset on Maryland Cruisers while underway in Maryland waters of Bay and tributaries.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the nearest National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if that communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 30 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

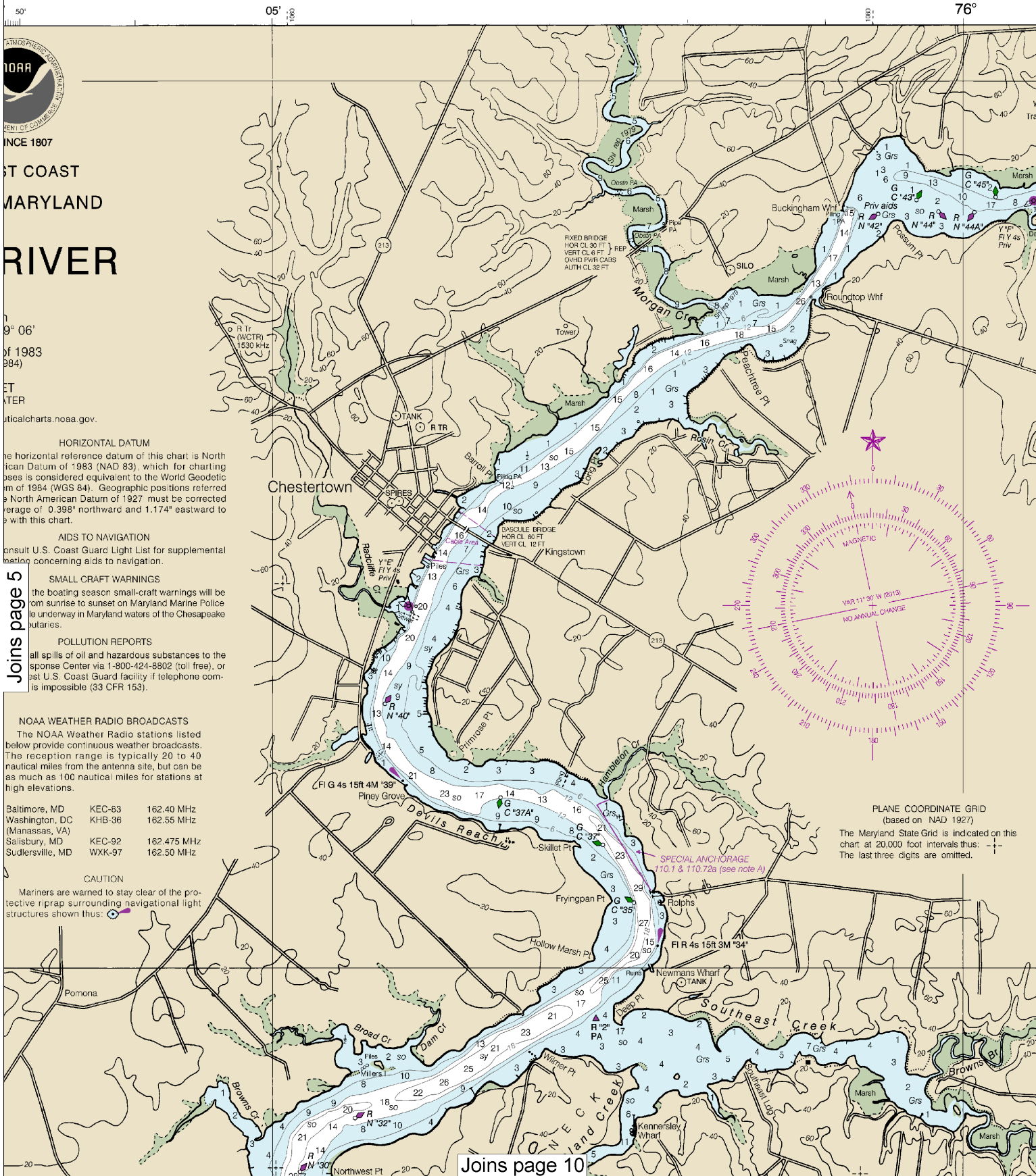
Baltimore, MD	KEC-83	162.40 M
Washington, DC (Manassas, VA)	KHB-36	162.55 M
Salisbury, MD	KEC-92	162.475 M
Sudlersville, MD	WXK-97	162.50 M

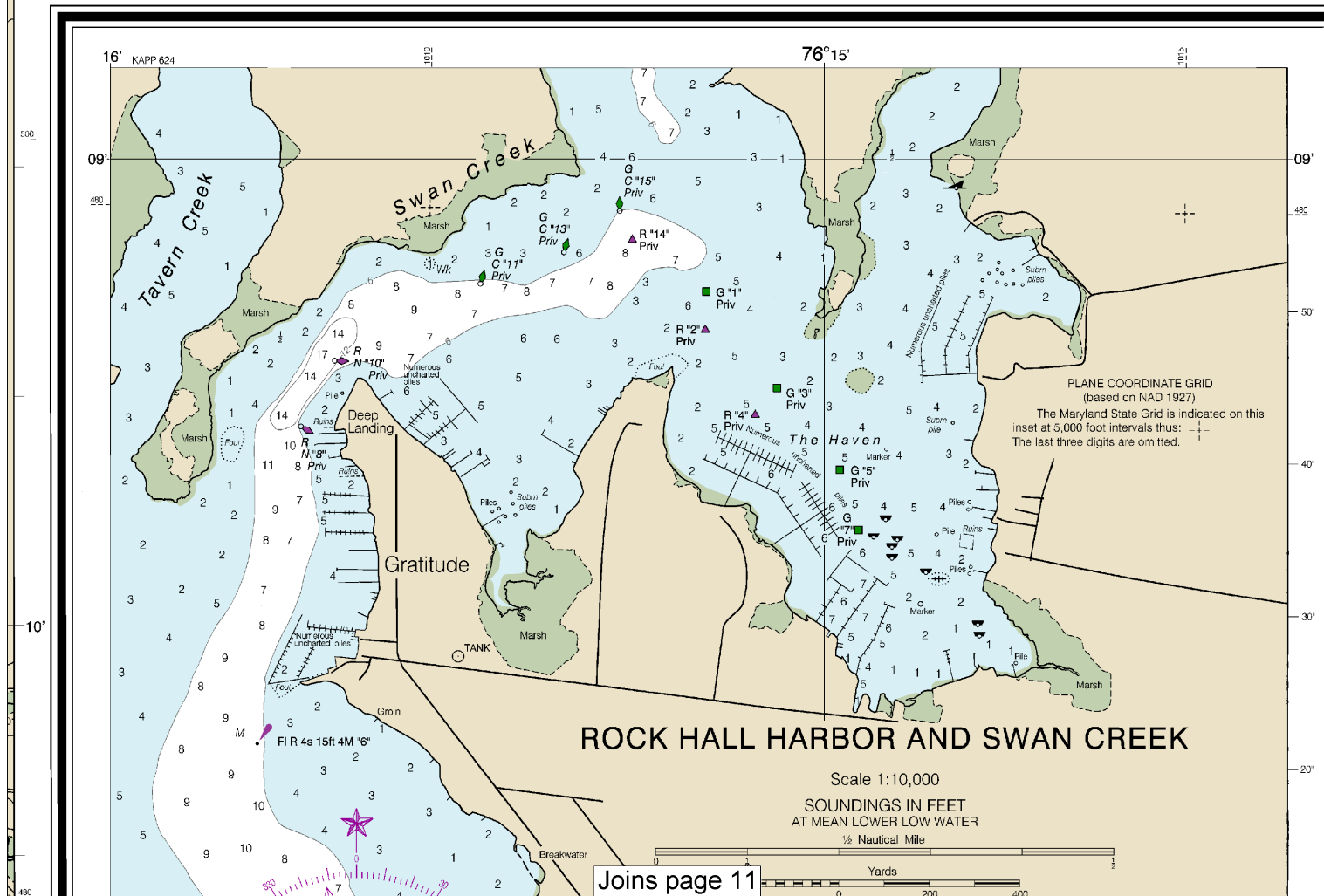
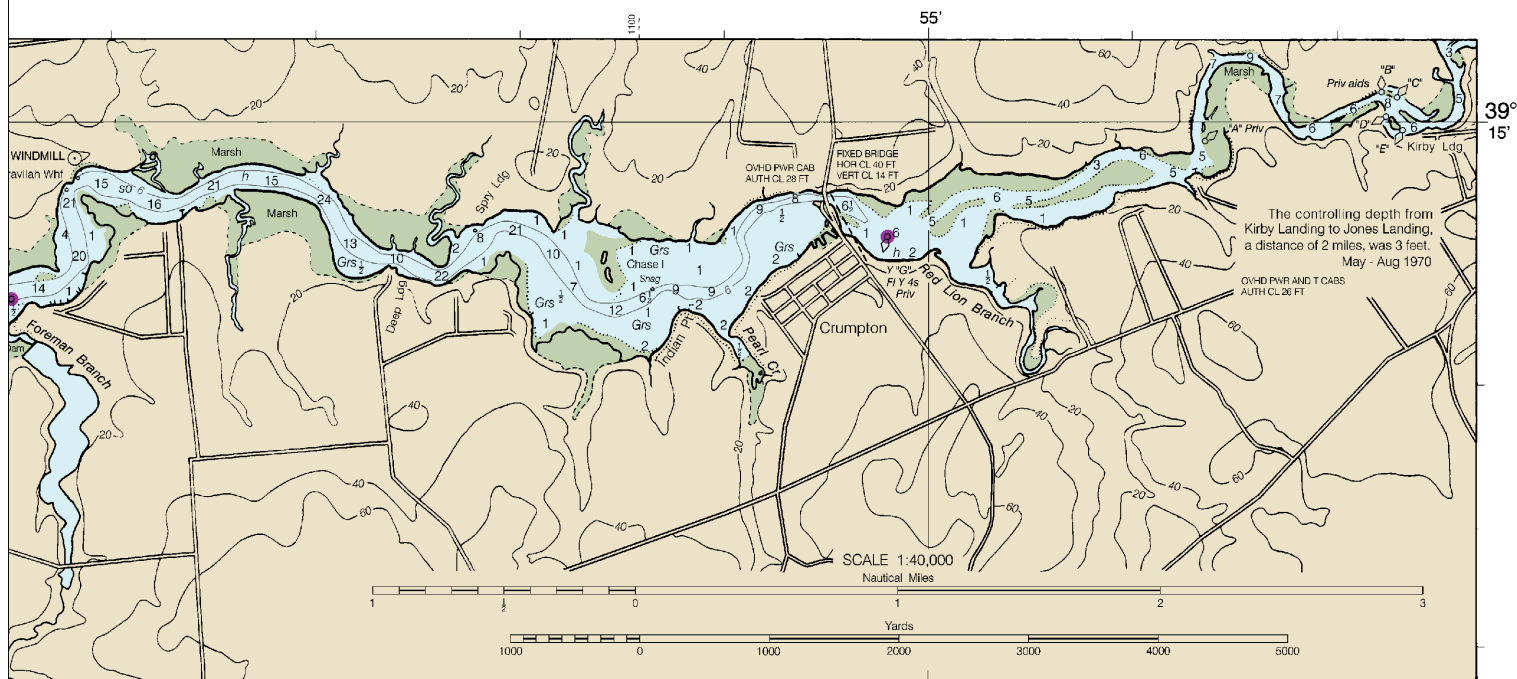
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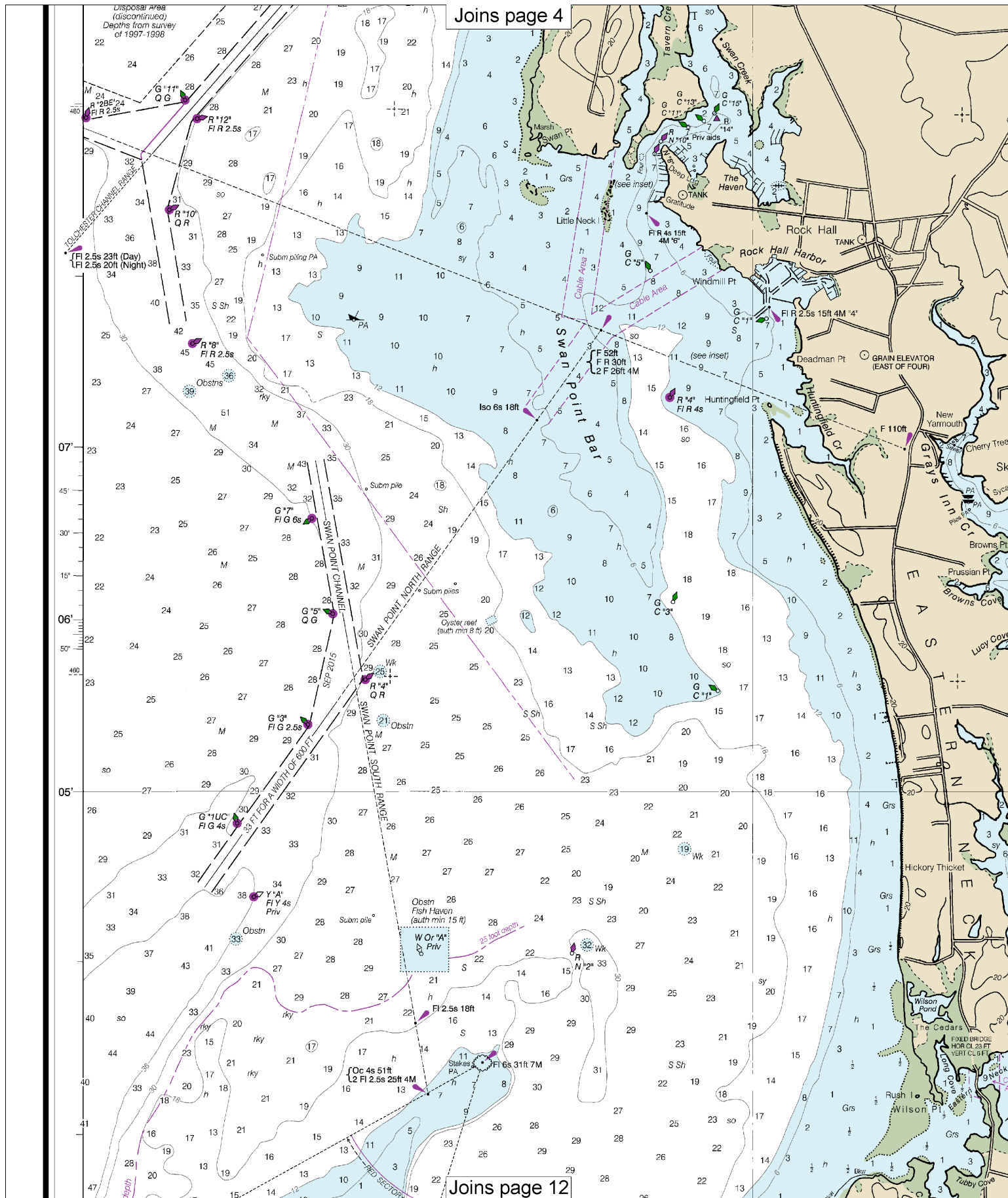
Mariners are warned to stay clear of the protective riprap surrounding navigational light structures shown thus:

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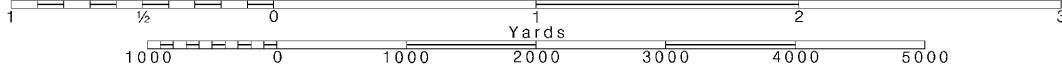
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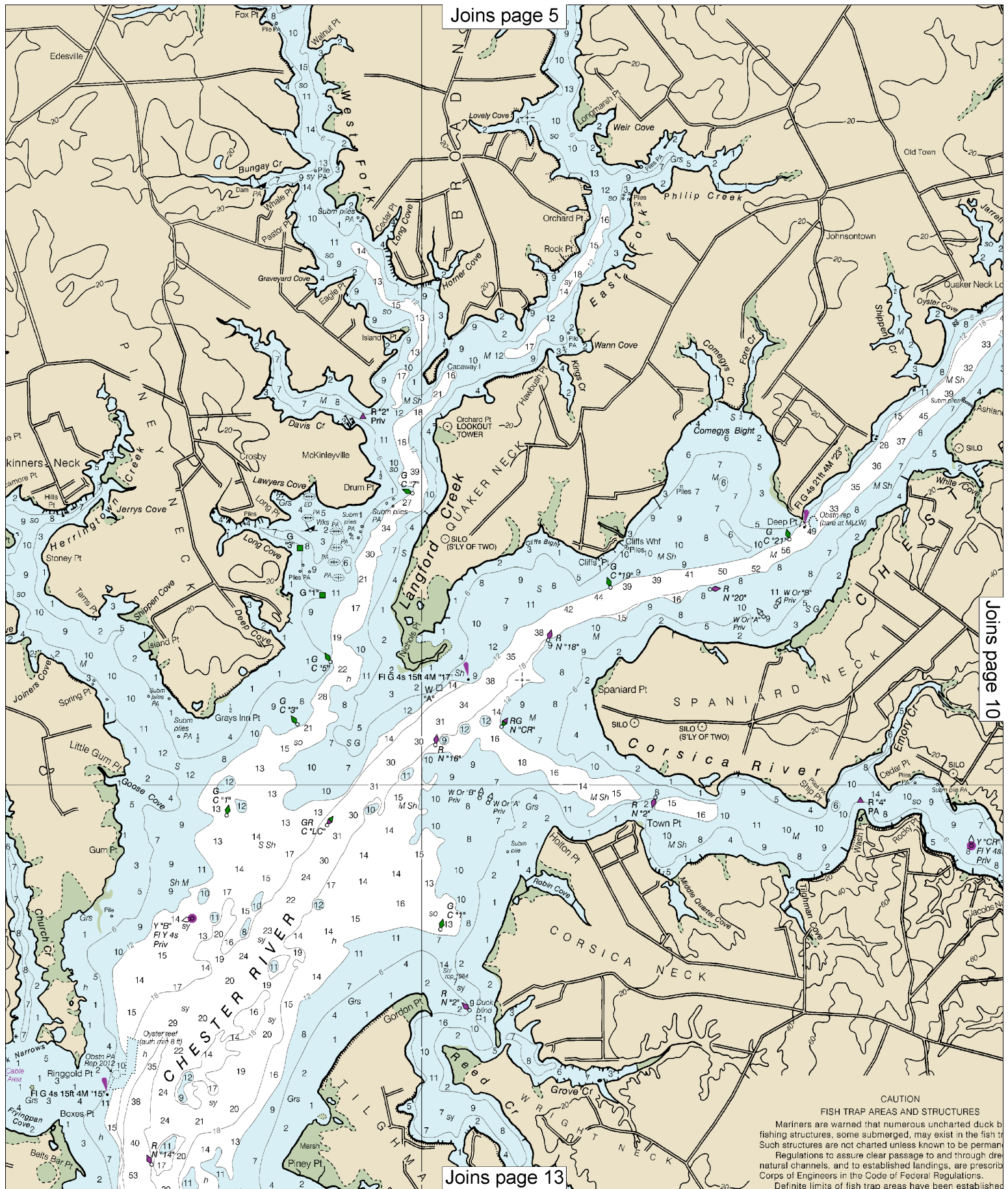
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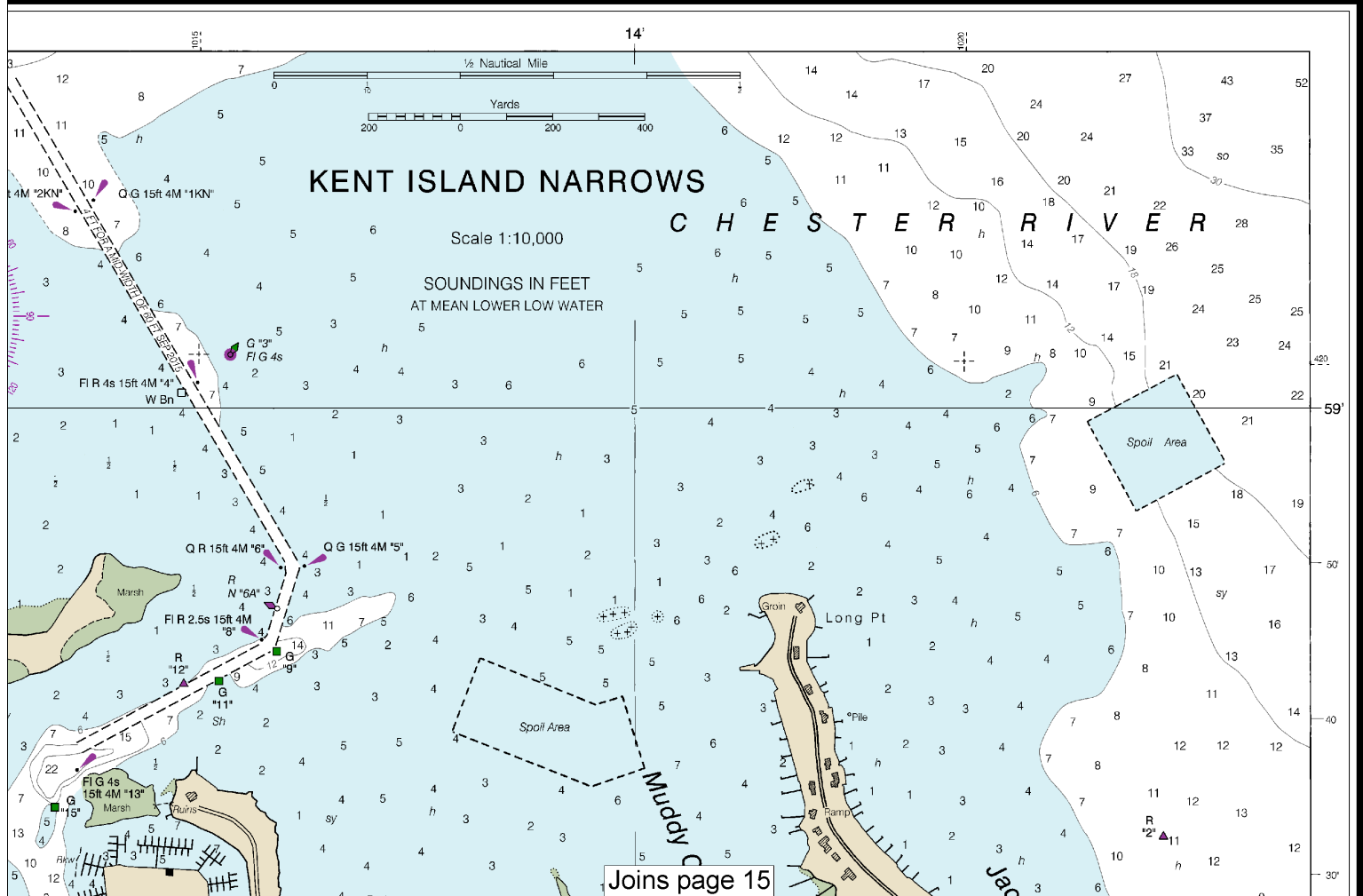
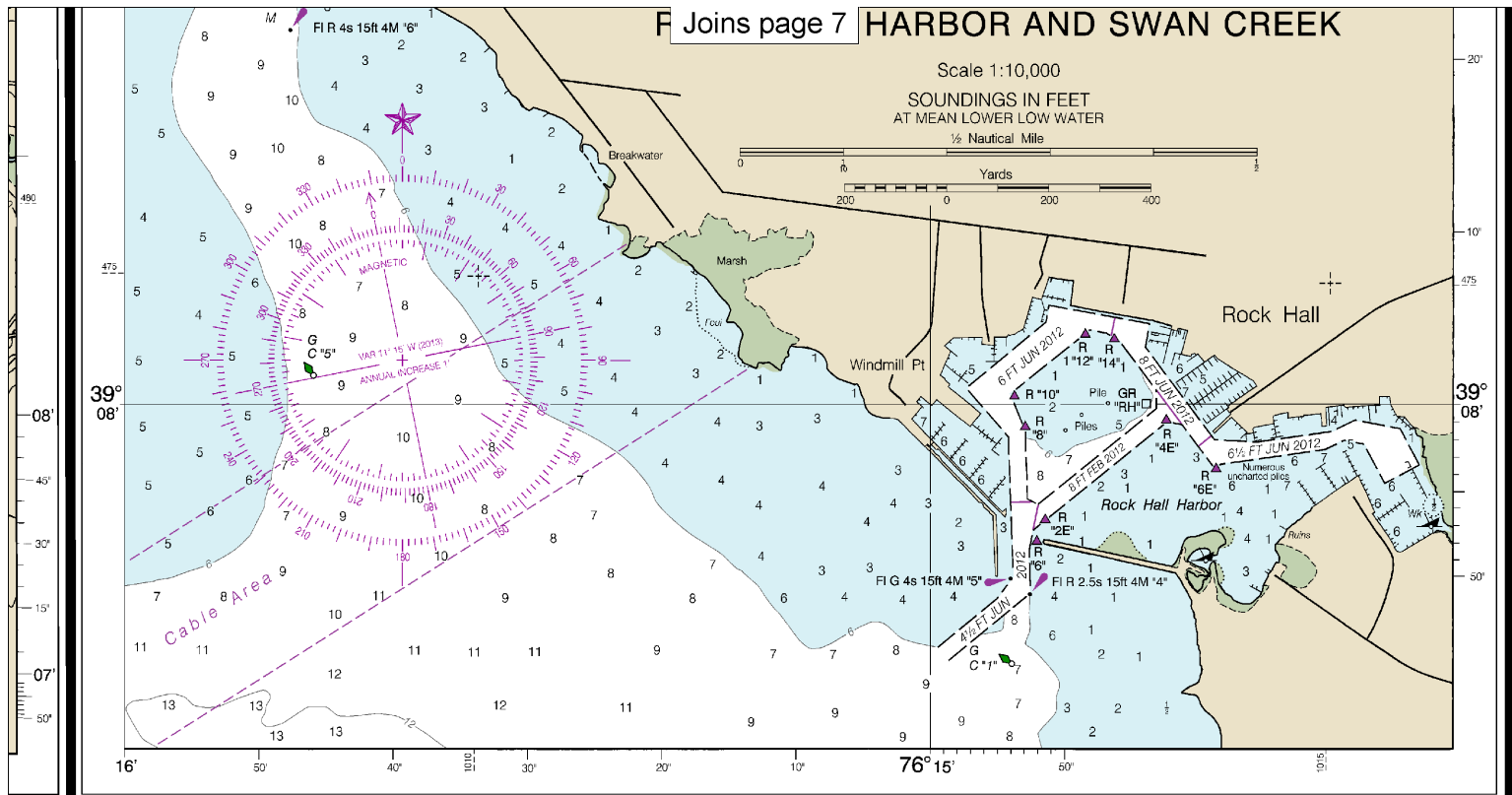
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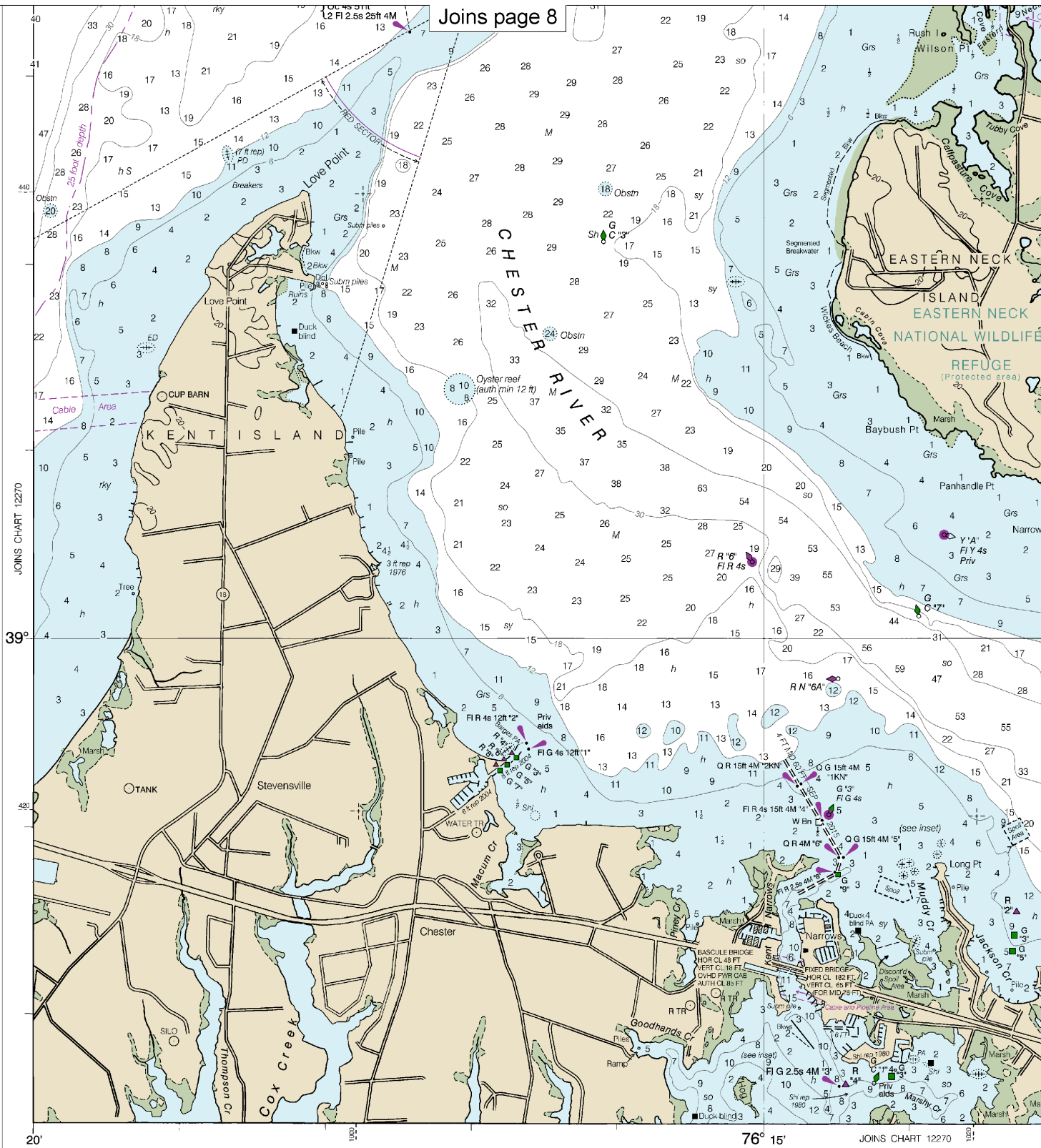




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CAUTION

This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner. Chart updates corrected from Notice to Mariners published after the dates shown in the lower left hand corner are available at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov

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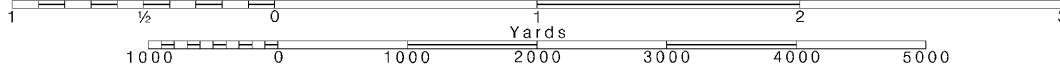
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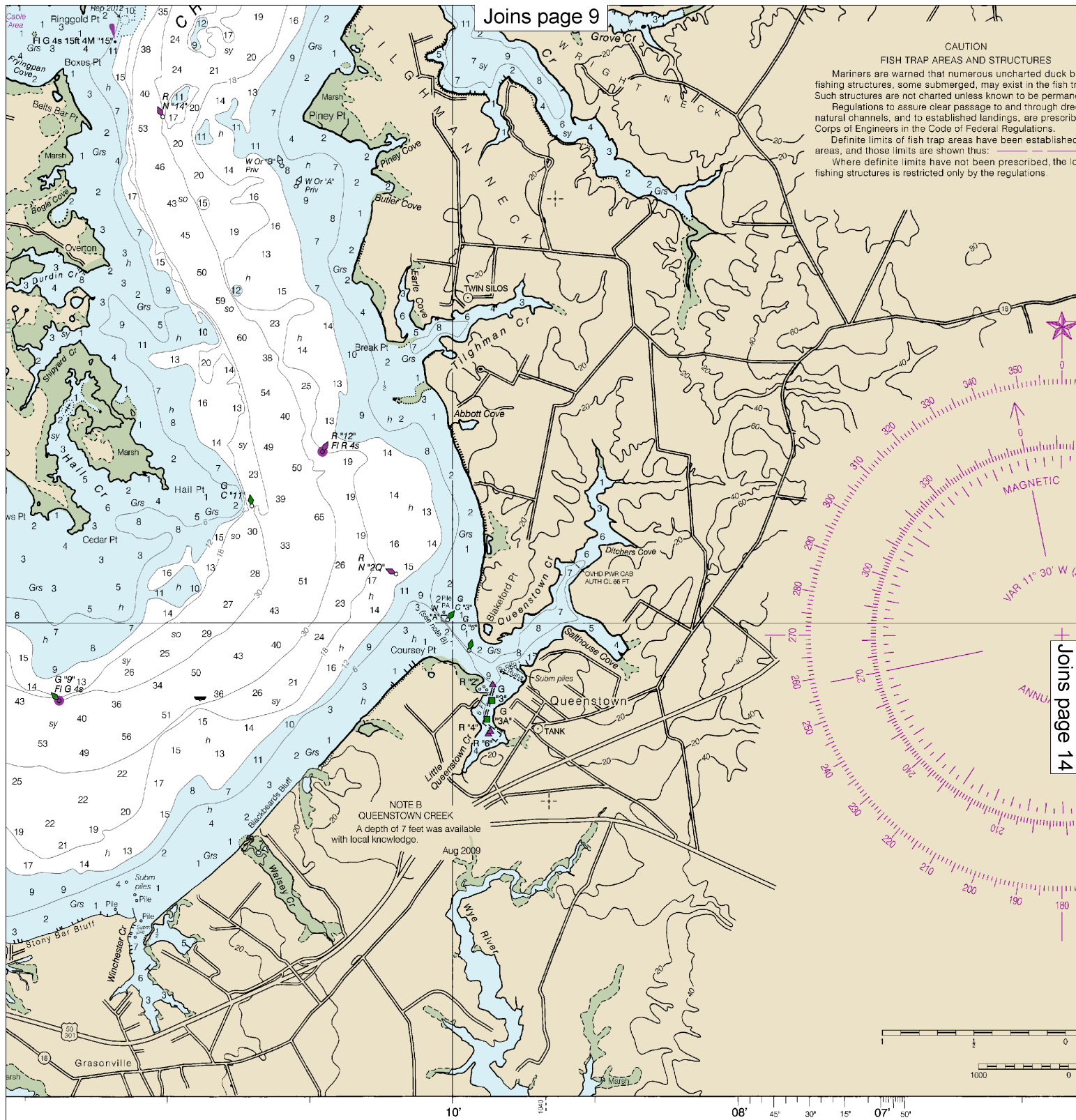
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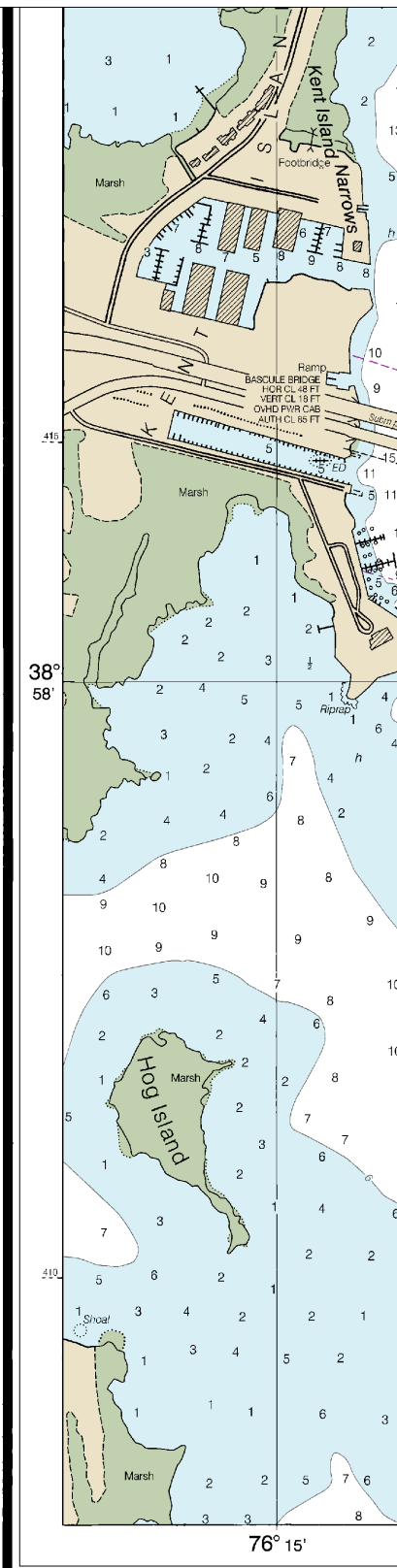
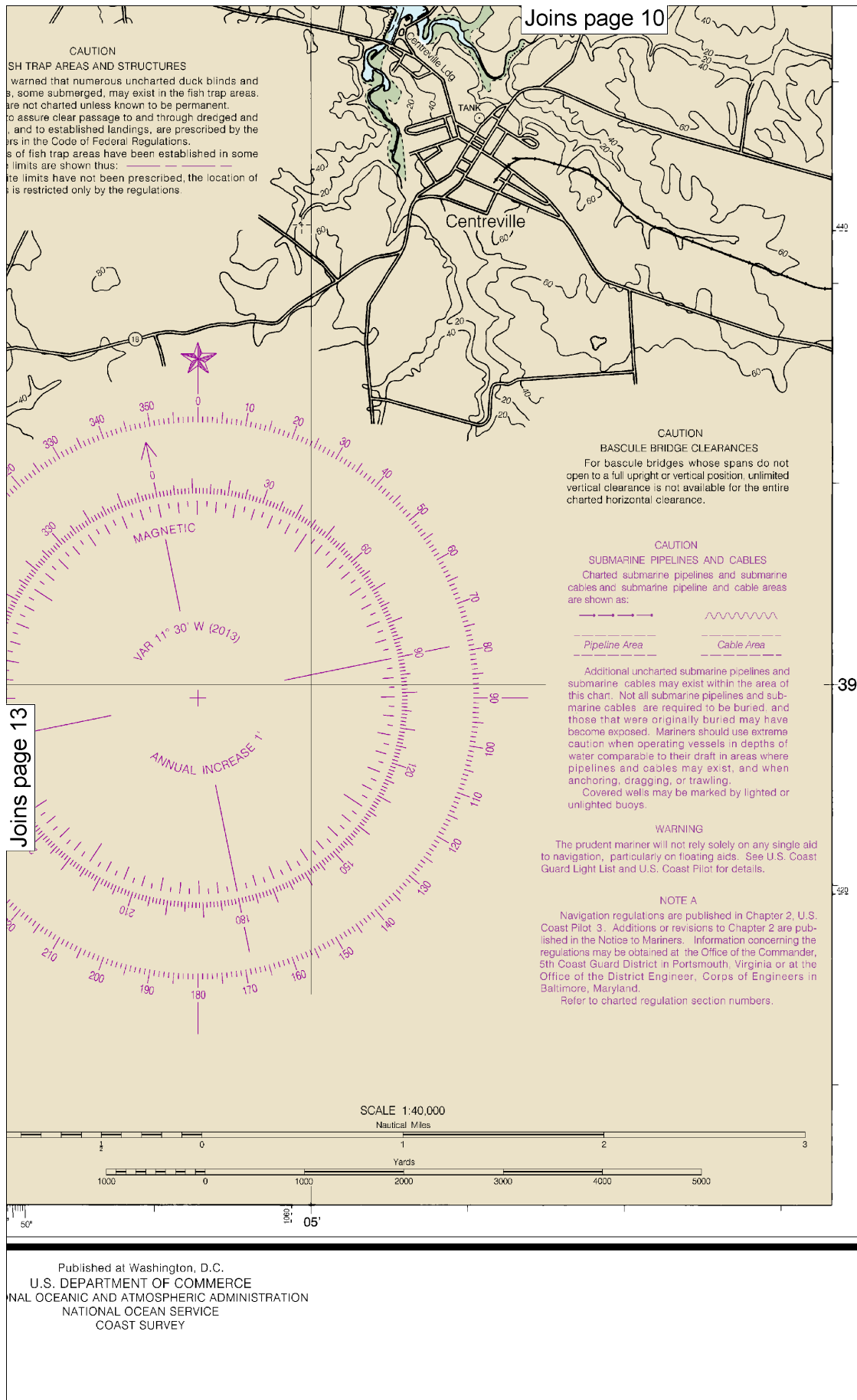
CAUTION FISH TRAP AREAS AND STRUCTURES

Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted duck b... fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the fish tr... Such structures are not charted unless known to be perman... Regulations to assure clear passage to and through dre... natural channels, and to established landings, are prescrib... Corps of Engineers in the Code of Federal Regulations.
Definite limits of fish trap areas have been established... areas, and those limits are shown thus: _____
Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the li... fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

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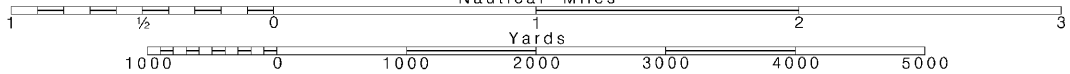
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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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National Data Buoy Center	—	http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/
NowCoast web portal for coastal conditions	—	http://www.nowcoast.noaa.gov/
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